(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) No, Sir, a considerable expansion in network of the basic telephone and mobile services has been made in Bihar Telecom Circle. The details is given as under:-

	As on 31.3.2005		As on 31.03.2006	
	Basic services	Mobile services	Basic services	Mobile services
No. of Exchanges	1155	—	1163	—
Increase in number of exchanges with respect to previous year	38	—	8	—
Equipped capacity	1299698	235650	1330708	698120
Increase in capacity with respect to previous year	93926	97200	31010	462470
Number of working connections	950967	239835	1036353	571117
Increase in connections with respect to previous year	85165	84660	85396	331282

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

BPO sector in Orissa

1035. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to turn North-Eastern Region into India's next BPO hot spot;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government also propose to develop this sector in the backward, Orissa State, to improve its economy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) In order to expand the horizon of Software exports and to tap the manpower potential the private industry and NASSCOM are trying to expand into tier II cities. Many of the State Governments are also taking initiatives to promote IT in the major cities of their respective States, position them as the next destinations for the software industry and create more jobs.

Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), an autonomous society under the Department of Information Technology, Ministry of Communications and IT, Government of India has set up three centres in Assam, Manipur and Sikkim, for providing high speed data communication facilities, statutory support on STP Scheme and incubation facilities for the software exporters in the region.

(c) and (d) Government of Orissa has taken steps *inter alia* a State wide awareness campaign, attract big companies and provide incentives and Concessions to ITES industry etc. to develop the BPO and ITES Sector in Orissa to generate large scale employment opportunities. Orissa Computer Application Centre (OCAC) is providing a comprehensive training programme on communication skills and personality development aims at candidates interested to join BPO sector.

STPI has set up two centres in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela in Orissa and signed an MoU with Government of Orissa to set up another centre in Berhampur.

Success of 'One India Scheme'

1036. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of the success of 'One India Scheme' launched by BSNL and MTNL;

(b) if so, the details of the assessment; and

(c) the growth in traffic as well as addition of new subscribers expected by BSNL and MTNL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) The Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) have made assessment of the success of 'One India Scheme'. As per reports, the number of subscribers who have opted for 'One India Plan' in BSNL and MTNL is 558577 and 67445 respectively.

(c) The growth of traffic and addition of new subscribers depend upon market conditions as well as the tariff plans offered by other operators. Moreover, as per available information, it is not possible to take separate observation for growth of traffic in this case.